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12 May 1952

Dear Mrs. Howard:

We were delighted to send invitations to the persons mentioned in your letter of May 9.

The question of Col. Schwab accompanying his mother up to the platform when she delivers the lilacs really poses a problem, and I hope you will understand it. In the first place, because of the great number of wreaths and the physical time that it will take for each person to walk up the steps to the platform, Dr. Sockman will call upon two of the wreath bearers to go up together. It is only in this way that the ceremony can go on according to schedule. In view of this, you can see how it would complicate things to have Col. Schwab accompany his mother and another woman going up at the same time, who presents a wreath on behalf of another organization. We are very happy to have Col. Schwab at the ceremony, and I can imagine how attractive he is from what you say, but he will be in the procession and will thus be seen by the audience. Aside from the fact that he would be one extra person on the platform, which is already crowded, the ceremony of his handing the wreath to his mother all takes extra time, which we do not have at our disposal. I write you these things thus frankly, hoping that for the benefit of the continuity of the ceremony, you will see why we must keep things as scheduled.

We will send you complete releases of our story which were given to the press here, and will see that they reach you promptly.

With kind regards, and thanking you for all of your cooperation, believe me,

Cordially yours,

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